Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It will be constituted certainly after due consideration.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വഗീസ്: ട്രഷ്ിവപേത്രർ മനിഃസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയോട് അഭിപ്രായം ചോദിക്കാത്തതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽന ന്നും ഐകകണ്ഠ്യേന ഒരു പ്രമേയം പാസ്സാക്കി ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിലേക്കയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ: എന്തിനെപ്പറ്റിയാണ് ചോദിക്കുന്നത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വഗീസ്: ഈ മന്ത്രി സുബോധരെപ്പറ്റി.

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ: ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ അഡൈസറി ബോർഡ് അപ്പോയിൻറ്റ് ചെയ്തതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ളതാണ് ഈ ചോദ്യം.

Mr. President: I do not think the question arises as a supplementary question.

DEPRESSED CLASSES IN THE LABOUR FORCES OUTSIDE THE STATE

17. Mrs. Dakshayani Velayudhan *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of Cochinites serving in the Labour Forces outside Cochin;

(*b*) how many of them are from the Depressed Classes?

Mr. B. V. K. Menn *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) About 29,000 on 16th July 1945 1st Karkadagam 1120.

(*b*) The number of persons belonging to the Depressed Classes in the Units is not known.

Mrs. Dakshayani Velayudhan *(Nominated):* May I know whether the Government will be pleased to give a caste war statements of the persons in the Units after the termination of the War?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The Cochin Labour Recruiting Officer to whom this matter was referred to and who alone could give the figures states that these details are not entered in the Register. But he says he knows definitely that a large proportion of the depressed classes have been recruited.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Are there non-Cochinites among the recruits?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* There might be. I do not know.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether a fair representation is given to the depressed classes in these Labour Forces also to give effect to the correct policy of giving equal opportunities to all the different sections of His Highness loving and loyal subjects.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I know there is a fair percentage of depressed classes among the Labour Units. That is the report of the Chief Labour Recruiting Officer.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ഐ. വേലായുധൻ: ഇത്ര ശതമാനം ഡിപ്രസ്ഡ് ക്ലാസിൽനിന്നു എടുത്തുകൊള്ളണമെന്ന വല്ല നിയമവുമുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ മേനോൻ: ഉണ്ട്.

BILLS PASSED IN THE COUNCIL—PARTICULARS REGARDING

18. Miss Annie Joseph *(Trichur-Women):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of legislations introduced by the Government and passed by the Legislative Council to which Sign Manual has neither been granted, nor refused during the term of the last Council;

(*b*) the number of non-official Bills of the last Council for which Sign Manual has been refused?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) One. The Cochin Kuries Act (Amendment) Bill.

Note.—The Preservation of Eries Bill and the Arbitration Bill which are just being submitted to H. H. are not included in the answer.

(*b*) Two. The Cochin Tenancy Act (Amendment) Bill of Messrs. V. J. Mathai and C. V. Iyyu and the Cochin Agriculturist Relief Act (Amendment) Bill of Mr. A. V. Moothedan

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